



STAFF REPORT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 FROM THE BELMONT ROTARY CLUB TO THE BELMONT C.E.R.T. PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DISASTER RESPONSE TRAILER

Honorable Mayor and Council Members

Summary

Since 2004, the Belmont Police Department has been involved in community disaster preparedness training through its C.E.R.T. Program. One of the long-term goals of the program is to station disaster response trailers at strategic locations in Belmont for use in an emergency. These trailers would contain supplies and equipment which could be used by C.E.R.T. trained residents and emergency responders. The Belmont Rotary Club of Belmont, upon learning of this goal, offered to provide funding for the first trailer. Once we have the trailer, we will work on outfitting it with equipment and supplies.

Background

Disasters come in all forms and severity including; earthquakes, storms, floods, mudslides, fires and terrorism. They are unpredictable and can cause major disruptions in normal emergency and non-emergency services. In 1986 The Los Angeles City Fire Department developed the Community Emergency Response Team program to train multi-functional volunteer response teams with the ability to perform basic fire suppression, light search and rescue, and first aid.

The City of Belmont knows a disaster can easily overwhelm our emergency response resources. In January 2004, Belmont PD Volunteers Matt & Lisa Lucett developed a C.E.R.T. program for Belmont. In February, 2005, City of Belmont partnered with the City of San Carlos and the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department, to jointly provide C.E.R.T. training and formed Belmont-San Carlos C.E.R.T. C.E.R.T. continues to evolve and the training is now being offered in most cities in San Mateo County. The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services & Homeland Security is working to standardize and coordinate C.E.R.T. training and programs throughout the county.

The C.E.R.T. program provides residents basic training in disaster survival and rescue skills to help save lives and protect property during the most critical time frame, until emergency responders can arrive. As of this report, over 130 people have gone through the Belmont – San Carlos Basic C.E.R.T. training course.

Discussion

As part of the overall disaster preparedness for the City of Belmont, a plan was conceived to place trailers, containing disaster response equipment and supplies, at strategic locations in Belmont. The initial plan calls for three trailers, one stationed at City Hall and one stationed at each of the two fire stations in the City. The trailers would be available for use by both C.E.R.T. teams and emergency responders during an emergency.

Upon hearing of this plan, the Belmont Rotary Club offered to provide funding for the first trailer, which would be outfitted with equipment and supplies. The trailer that has been proposed is the Pace American Journey Series 6'x12', tandem axle, or equivalent.

General Plan/Vision Statement

No Impact.

Fiscal Impact

The donated funds of \$5,000 would go directly for the purchase of a trailer, which will be outfitted and equipped with disaster supplies.

Public Contact

Posting of the City Council Agenda.

Recommendation

Accept donation of funds from the Belmont Rotary Club for purchase of disaster response trailer for the Belmont C.E.R.T. Program.

Alternatives

1. Provide alternative direction.
2. Take no action at this time.

Attachments

- A. Resolution.
- B. Specifications of proposed trailer.

Respectfully submitted,

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WHEREAS, disasters come in all forms and severity including; earthquakes, storms, floods, mudslides, fires and terrorism. They are unpredictable and can cause major disruptions in normal emergency and non-emergency services; and,

WHEREAS, since 2004, the Belmont Police Department has been involved in community disaster preparedness training through its C.E.R.T. Program; and,

WHEREAS, one of the long-term goals of the program is to station disaster response trailers at strategic locations in Belmont for use in an emergency. These trailers would contain supplies and equipment which could be used by C.E.R.T. trained residents and emergency responders; and,

WHEREAS, upon learning of this need, the Belmont Rotary Club offered to provide funds to purchase the first trailer that would be stocked with disaster equipment and supplies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Belmont hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager to accept a donation in the amount of \$5,000 from the Belmont Rotary Club.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held October 23, 2007 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont